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Admiral Raborn Right Man For Sensitive CIA Post

THE DIRECTOR of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) holds one of the most sensitive positions within the Federal establishment. It demands unquestioned loyalty, ability and dedication. No less can be expected.

For these reasons, President Johnson has selected Vice Admiral William F. Raborn (Ret.) to succeed John A. McCone, who advised the Chief Executive in December that he would like to return to private life.

McCone, who has held top-level positions under the last four Presidents, administered the CIA with distinction.

Admiral Raborn will come to the post with an impressive portfolio of qualifications. No stranger to working on classified projects, during active service he shaped the Navy's ballistic weapons system, serving as officer in charge of the development of the submarine-launched Polaris. In the closing years of his career, the native Texan was Deputy Chief of Naval Operations.

A graduate of the Naval Academy, the Admiral saw combat duty as a pilot during World War II and was decorated for conspicuous gallantry while assigned as executive officer of the Carrier Hancock.

Since retirement in 1963, he has been a vice-president of Aerojet General Corp of Pasadena, Calif.

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THE CIA IS the apex of the complex Federal intelligence operation. Its administration involves thousands of employes and billions of dollars. But due to its super-secret nature, the exact number of employes and the precise amount of money expended is never made public.

Thus, the position calls for a man of Admiral Raborn's stature—a man capable of bearing up under tremendous responsibility as head of the organization which must develop the necessary intelligence information to keep the nation's military and civilian leaders apprised of the behind-the-scenes attitudes of both friends and foes in this changing world.

President Johnson has made a wise decision in nominating Admiral Raborn for the CIA directorship.